

HOUSE BILL 378

**47TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2006**

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO PROVIDE LEGAL SERVICES TO LOW-INCOME PERSONS STATEWIDE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. APPROPRIATION.--Two million dollars (\$2,000,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the civil legal services fund for expenditure in fiscal year 2007 and subsequent fiscal years to contract for services to provide legal assistance to low-income persons in New Mexico; provided that at least one million dollars (\$1,000,000) of that appropriation shall be to contract for services with a single statewide legal services program with at least five offices throughout the state that provides direct legal services to low-income persons. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of a fiscal year shall not revert to the

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